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REMARKS

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SUBJECT:

Zatec Airfield

1. ~~The airfield northeast of Zatec (N 51/F 15) bordered on the Chlumec (N 51/F 02) Louny (N 51/F 21) highway to the north, the Stankovice (N 51/F 11) - Minice (N 51/F 11) highway to the west and the Stankovice-Bitozeves (N 51/F 11) highway to the east. The airfield had railroad connection.~~
2. The airfield was provided with a concrete runway from 2,500 to 3,000 meters long and about 100 meters wide. The runway was completed in late August 1951. A taxiway, 20 meters wide, was located to the north and parallel to the runway. There were four connecting lanes. The runway had 3 layers. The bottom layer consisted of crushed stones bound by asphalt and was 10-cm thick. The intermediate layer was made up of sand and was 2 cm thick. It was topped by a 25-cm concrete layer consisting of 7.5 x 4 meter slabs. The joints of the slabs were filled with asphalt.
3. Installations available at the field included 1 administration building, 1 mess and utilities buildings, 1 garage, 1 quartering building, and low wooden buildings occupied by the EM of the technical battalion, another quartering building which was under construction, and fuel tank installations. Two hangars, one of which was being dismantled in July 1951, and about 5 low wooden buildings occupied by about 30 guard personnel who wore blue uniforms, were observed in the southeastern portion of the field. Ten Messerschmitt-type aircraft with deflated tires were in a 12 x 16 meter corrugated sheet metal hangar. Three fuel containers, three-quarters below the surface of the ground, were available in the northern portion of the installation. \*
4. Gasoline trucks occasionally transferred fuel from 3 to 5 railroad tank cars to the fuel containers. Every two weeks, 3 Soviet Air Force officers wearing gold epaulets with 2 narrow blue stripes and stars arrived in two sedans [redacted] 25X1 without speaking [redacted] one. After a short time, they left the installation one Cech, [redacted] one. Construction at the field was allegedly supervised by [redacted]

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\*\* [ ] Comment: The information received on the improvement of Zatec airfield, particularly with regard to the number of runways and hangars, is contradictory. However, it is believed to be correct that an east-west runway is available and that some new buildings were erected in the northwestern portion of the installation. The presence of Soviet control commissions at the field indicates that it may be prepared for Soviet air units. ~~Reference is made to the construction of Delovoy (or 10/1 03) airfield.~~ [ ]

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